Residential facilities for Beedi Workers

†1747. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the detals of the Government schemes for welfare of Beedi Workers;

(b) whether Government have any plan to provide residential facilities to the poor and homeless Beedi Workers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the amount allocated to various States under this scheme, and of the amount utilised, State-wise;

(e) whether it is a fact that houses for Beedi Workers of Bihar have not been constructed, despite completion of all the formalities by them; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and by when this construction work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The Government is implementing various welfare schemes for Beedi Workers in the fields of health, education, housing, social security, recreations, water-supply etc. under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A subsidy amount of Rs. 40,000/- per house is granted under the Revised Integrated Housing Schemes (RIHS), 2005.

(d) State-wise details of houses sanctioned and subsidy released during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(e) and (f) 1016 houses were sanctiond to Beedi Workers in Jamui District in Bihar under RIHS on 23rd March, 2006. The workers themselves construct houses and there is a stipulated period of 18 months for the completion of construction of houses from the date of sanction.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise details of houses sanctioned and subsidy released for construction of houses by the Beedi Workers under Revised Integrated Housing Scheme (RIHS) 2005 during 2005-06 & 2006-07

Sl. No.	Name of State	2005-06 Houses sanctioned	2005-06 Amount released Rs. (lakh)	2006-07 (upto Feb. 2007) Houses sanctioned	2006-07 (upto Feb. 2007) Amount released Rs. (lakh)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9595	3838.00	11485	3308.00
2.	Karnataka	—	—	778	277.00
3.	Orissa	43	17.20	1634	384.60
4.	Tamil Nadu	—	—	2898	615.60
5.	Bihar	1016	406.40	662	156.20
6.	Uttar Pradesh	21	8.40	128	25.60
7.	Madhya Pradesh	—	—	225	45.00
8.	Jharkhand	—	—	151	30.20
9.	Maharashtra	187	74.80	13	2.60
10.	Assam	—	—	91	18.20
11.	West Bengal	—	—	168	33.60
	TOTAL :	10862	4344.80	18233	4896.60

Illiteracy amongst labourers

†1748. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 70 per cent of labourers from organized and unorganized sectors are either illiterate, or are educated upto primary level;

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